MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the number of Muslims now in service ?

PRESIDENT: Your question is about *new appointments*.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): My question is not about *new appointments*.

PRESIDENT: Your question is about new appointments from the year 1105 up to 1110.

Appointments in the Government Press.

93. * MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Muslims and non-Muslims appointed in the administrative branch of the Government Press ; in,

(i) office and (ii) stores,

from 1105 up to 31-10-1110 ; and

(*b*) the number of Muslims and non-Muslims appointed in the executive branches of the Government Press, in.

(i) composing department, (ii) reading department, (iii) machine department, (iv) binding department, (v) despatching department, (vi) workshop department and (vii) miscellaneous department :

from 1105 up to 31-10-1110 ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether there is any branch other than the branches mentioned in the statement ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question relates to the administrative and executive branches.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Besides the administrative and executive branches, may I know whether there is any other branch ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, there is the compositors' branch, proof readers' branch, examiners' branch and so on.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the reason for not appointing any Muslim in these branches for the last six years ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There are no special reasons. If there were vacancies and if Muslims had applied, their applications must have been considered along with the other applications.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the qualifications fixed for these posts ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is laid down in the Public Service Notification.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Did the Government invite applications when these vacancies arose ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : By advertisement ? No. they did not.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Who is the appointing authority now in the Government Press ?

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* *Vide* Appendix I.

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Superintendent.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know how long is it that this gentleman has been appointed as the Superintendent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is available in the Civil List. I have not got a copy of it now.

MR K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) Is any qualification fixed for the post of the Superintendent of the Government Press?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) The qualification required is shown in the Public Service Notification. Beyond that, no qualification has been prescribed.

MR K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) May I know the qualification of the present Superintendent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) May I know whether Government had invited applications and interviewed the applicants at any time?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For what?

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): For appointment as Superintendent?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that now. The appointment was made many years ago.

Bridge at the Muttar Ferry.

94. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any report from the Executive Engineer, Alwaye, in order to construct a bridge at the Muttar ferry (between Edapally and Manjummal);

(*b*) if so, the nature of the report submitted by the Executive Engineer, Alwaye; and

(*c*) the action taken by them on that report?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer has received any representation from the people of the locality?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know what action has been taken by the Government on the representation made by the people?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) The fact of the matter is this. The question of construction of that bridge can only be considered when the second

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Appendix I.

vide Answer to Question No. 93.

Statement showing the number of Muslim and Non-Muslim appointments made in the Government Press from 1105 to 31-10-1110.

		1105	1106	1107	1108	1109	1110
(A) *Administrative Branch*:							
(i) Office	Muslim	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Muslim	2	4	9	2	10	...
(ii) Stores	Muslim	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Muslim	...	...	...	1	...	...
(B) *Executive Branch*:							
(i) Composing Dept.	Muslim	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Muslim	...	...	...	...	...	...
(ii) Reading	,, Muslim	...	...	1	1	1	1
	Non-Muslim	3	8	10	9	5	3
(iii) Machine	,, Muslim	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Muslim	1	2	3	...	1	1
(iv) Binding	,, Muslim	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Muslim	3	1	2	...	1	1
(v) Despatching	,, Muslim	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Muslim	4	5	1	1	...	...
(vi) Workshop	,, Muslim	1	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Muslim	1	1	...	2	...	1
(vii) Miscellaneous	,, Muslim	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Non-Muslim	3	4	4	3	...	5

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